

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMERCE AND REVENUE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 303, State Capitol Building

February 9, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Carlene Walker, Co-Chairman
Rep. Chad E. Bennion, Co-Chairman
Sen. Ed Mayne
Sen. John Valentine
Rep. Eli Anderson
Rep. Craig Frank
Rep. Ty McCartney
Rep. Mike Morley
Rep. J. Morgan Philpot
Rep. Peggy Wallace

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sen. Leonard Blackham

STAFF PRESENT: Stan Eckersley, Fiscal Analyst
Debbie Headden, Fiscal Analyst
Cindy Baker, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

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Co-Chairman Sen. Carlene Walker called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Craig Frank moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2004 and February 5, 2004. The vote was postponed until members of the house arrived.

Analyst Debbie Headden reviewed the Intent Language of FY 2005 and the ATE Study.

MOTION: Rep. Peggy Wallace moved to accept the recommendations of the Analyst for UCAT, and also adopt the Intent Language in FY 2005 as follows:

Timely Reports

It is the intent of the Legislature that UCAT complete and submits all financial reports (i.e. A-1's, R-1's, S-10's, etc.) to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by November 1 of each fiscal year. It is further the intent of the Legislature that the approved consolidated budget request from the UCAT Board of Trustees be submitted to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by November 1 of each fiscal year.

ATE Study

It is the intent of the Legislature that a study be performed of applied technology education in the state with the Utah System of Higher Education, Public Education, and the Utah College of Applied Technology, by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. It is further the intent of the Legislature that a written report be presented by October of 2003 to the Executive Appropriation Committee, and also reported to the appropriate Legislative Appropriation Subcommittees during the 2004 General Session.

Motion: Rep. Wallace moved to exclude the following intent language in FY 2005 as follows:

Custom Fit Funding

It is the intent of the Legislature, if additional funding is received in FY 2004 for Custom Fit, that the UCAT Board of Trustees allocates an appropriate amount of Custom Fit monies to the Salt Lake-Tooele Applied Technology College.

Tuition

It is the intent of the Legislature that a study be performed in the interim with members of the UCAT Board of Trustees, the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget to evaluate the tuition revenue. It is also the intent of the Legislature that uniform tuition rates be established for programs based on cost of instruction, and on market demand, as well as student's potential earning power upon completion of the program. Based on the outcome of the study, it is the intent of the Legislature that a tuition rate increase be implemented the fall of 2002. It is the intent of the Legislature that each college is to use tuition revenue generated by the tuition rate increases to cover institutional priorities.

UCAT Base Budget:

Motion: Rep. Wallace moved to accept the FY 2005 base budget of \$42,558,400 with \$36,674,900 from General Funds and \$4,883,500 from Dedicated Credits for the Utah College of Applied Technology.

ATE Study Recommendations:

Motion: Rep. Wallace moved to accept the analyst recommendations from the ATE study as follows:

Access and availability:

The Analyst recommends that the Legislature may want to consider funding UCAT similar to Public Education's Necessarily Existent Small Schools (53A-17a-109 of UCA). The additional funding for UCAT is to expand ATE offerings in underserved areas.

The Analyst recommends that ATE concurrent enrollments be separated from academic concurrent enrollments by headcount and credit hours awarded to improve the accuracy of the secondary vocational education enrollment statistics.

Efficiency:

The Analyst recommends that each region document the justification for duplication of degrees or certificates within a region. This information should be available for review by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

The Analyst recommends that the educational systems work together on the development of new program offerings including AAT degrees, and articulation agreements in order to create a seamless educational system.

It is the recommendation of the Analyst that the educational systems within a geographic area continue to work together to develop regional plans for applied technology to meet the needs of students without unnecessary duplication.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Anderson and Rep. Morley absent for the vote.

The vote for the motion to approve the minutes of February 4 and 5, 2004 passed unanimously with Rep. Anderson and Rep. Morley absent for the vote.

Analyst Stan Eckersley presented the FY 2005 budget recommendations for Workforce Services.

A presentation on eREP was given by Mark Schultz, eREP Project Executive.

Available for response and questions:

Raylene Ireland, Executive Director Workforce Services

John Nixon, Workforce Services and Governance Board-eRep DWS

John Nixon presented budget requests and needs in child care.

Raylene Ireland expressed concerns of a time- line for recipients to receive benefits.

Those who spoke to the committee:
Tim Shultz, Utah Issues Policy Analyst
Helen Graber, University of Utah
Pete Maiden, DWS, Boys and Girls Club of Brigham City
Christine Davis, citizen
Karen Silver, Salt Lake Community Action Program

MOTION: Rep. Bennion moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Morley absent for the vote.

Sen. Carlene Walker adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Sen. Carlene Walker, Co-Chair

Rep. Chad Bennion, Co-Chair